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BATMAN

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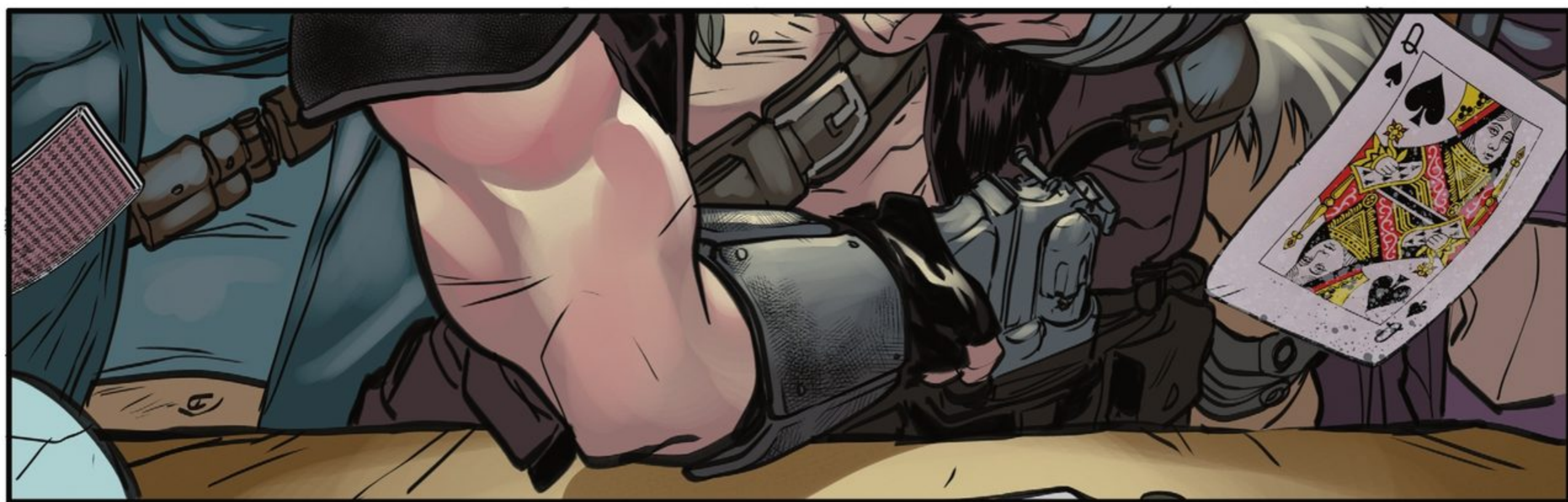
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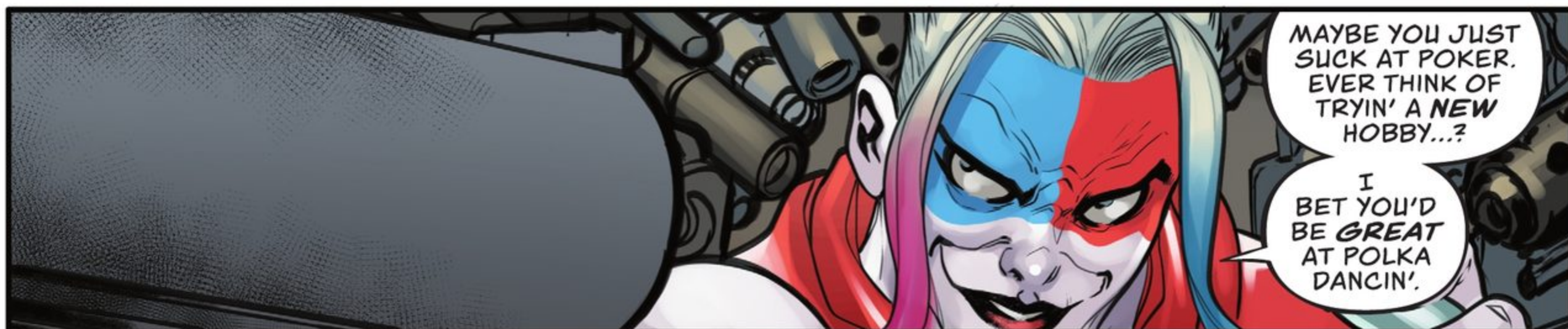
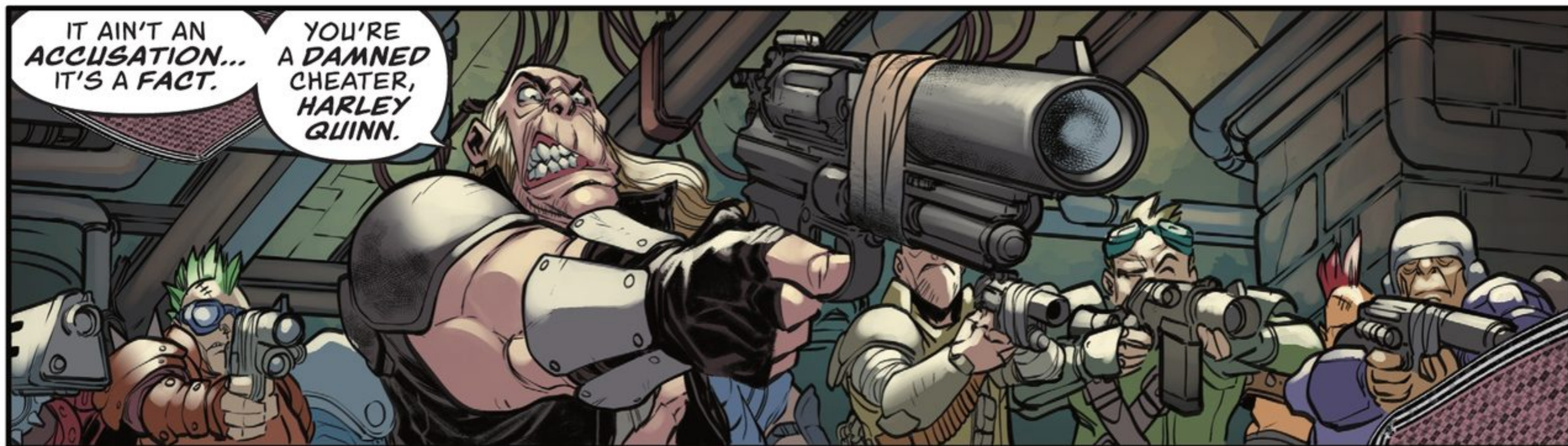


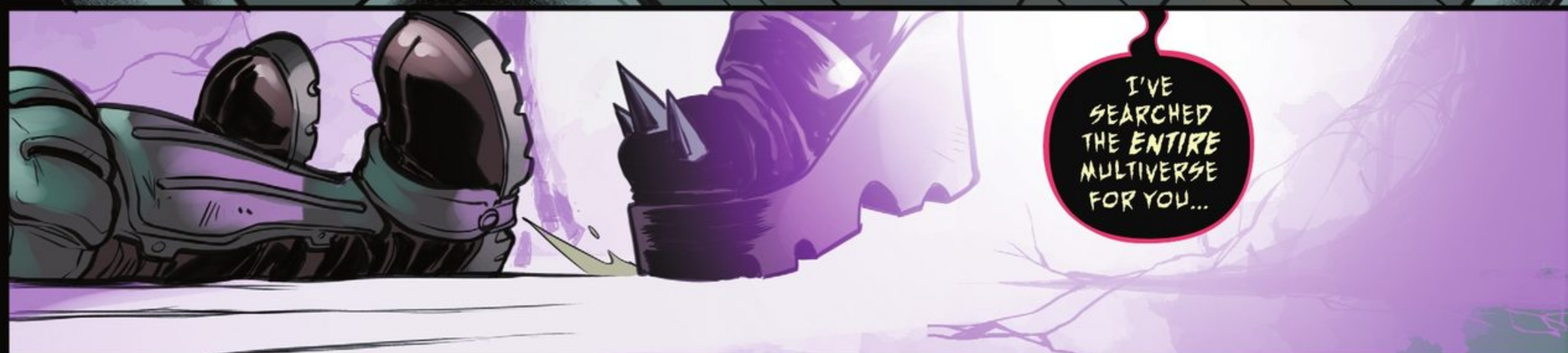
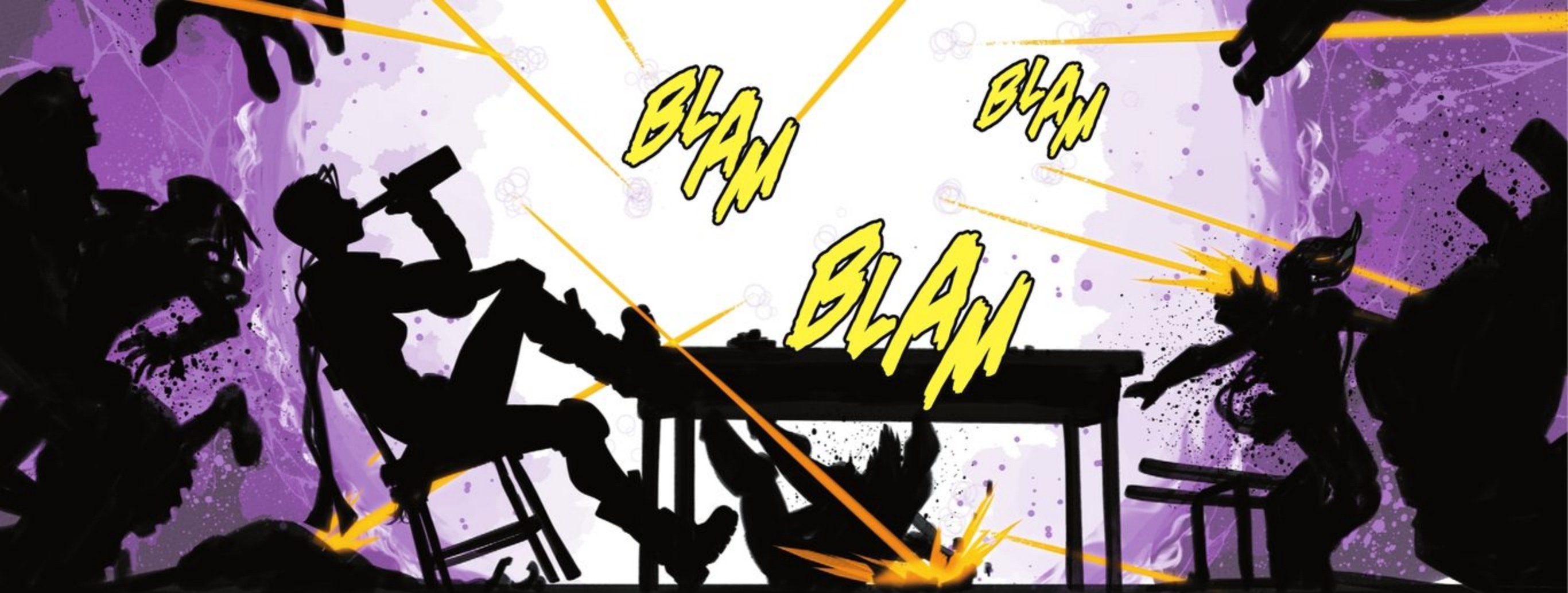
THEN.

WHY, BILL, I
CAN'T HELP BUT
FEEL LIKE YOU'RE
ACCUSIN' ME OF
SOMETHIN'...

WHO KILLED CHAPTER 4
HARLEY
QUINN?

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...SO
THAT I MAY
BE THE **ONLY**
HARLEY.



UH-HUH...

SO, YOU'RE
ME...? IT'S
JUST...

...I HAVE A HARD TIME BELIEVIN'
THERE'S **ANY** UNIVERSE WHERE
I'D **CHOOSE** TO WEAR
THAT.

SERIOUSLY...
2005
CALLED...



...THEY
WANT THEIR
AFTER-SCHOOL
MALL-GOTH
AESTHETIC
BACK.



YOU ARE
THE WEAKEST
HARLEY...

KRAAAK

HOW IS THAT
POSSIBLE...?

BLAM

BLAM

...IF I HAVE
A WEAKNESS,
WOULD ALL
OTHER HARLEYS
NOT **ALSO** HAVE
THAT SAME
WEAKNESS?

WHUMP

UNLESS
THERE'S LIKE
A **FISH** HARLEY
IN SOME WATER
UNIVERSE AND
THEN YOU TAKE
HER OUTTA WATER
AND SHE CAN'T
BREATHE...

...I GUESS
THAT **DOES**
SEEM LIKE A
PRETTY BIG
WEAKNESS.

BLAM BLAM BLAM



HRN!
I JUST GOTTA...
UNGH...
KNOW ONE
THING...



...IS THERE
A MERMAID
ME? LIKE...
MER-HARLEY?



OH, AND
I LIED...

I WANNA
KNOW ONE...
HRN...MORE
THING...



...WHAT'S
THIS DO?

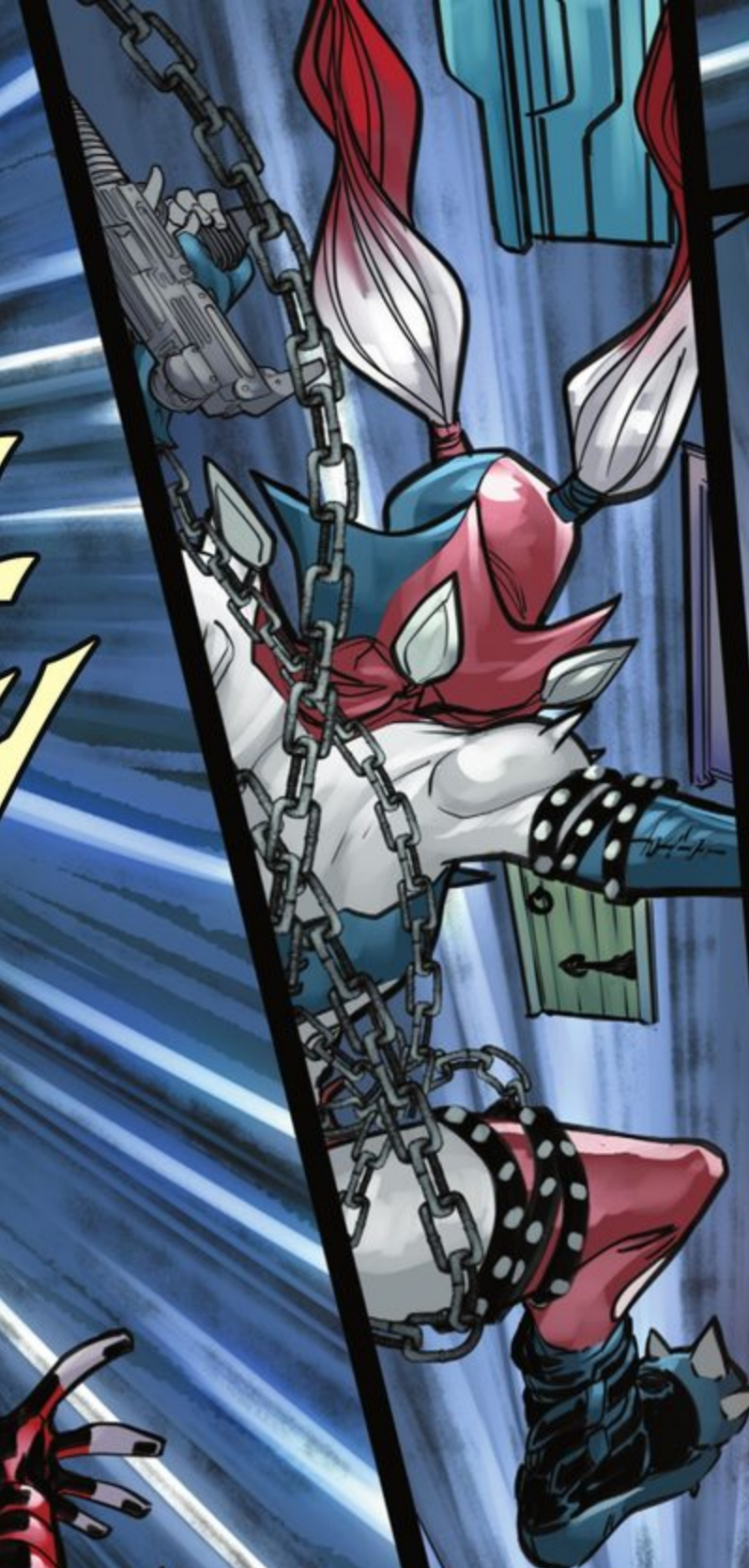
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WHEEE!



FWSSSSSH



HUH...
A BUNCHA
DOORS...

SEEMS
OMINOUS AND
ALLEGORICAL!



AND
SINCE
YOU'RE
ME...



...YOU
KNOW HOW
MUCH I LOVE
AN OMINOUS
ALLEGORY!



♦ "...I'M TRYING
TO KILL
ME...?!"

NOW.

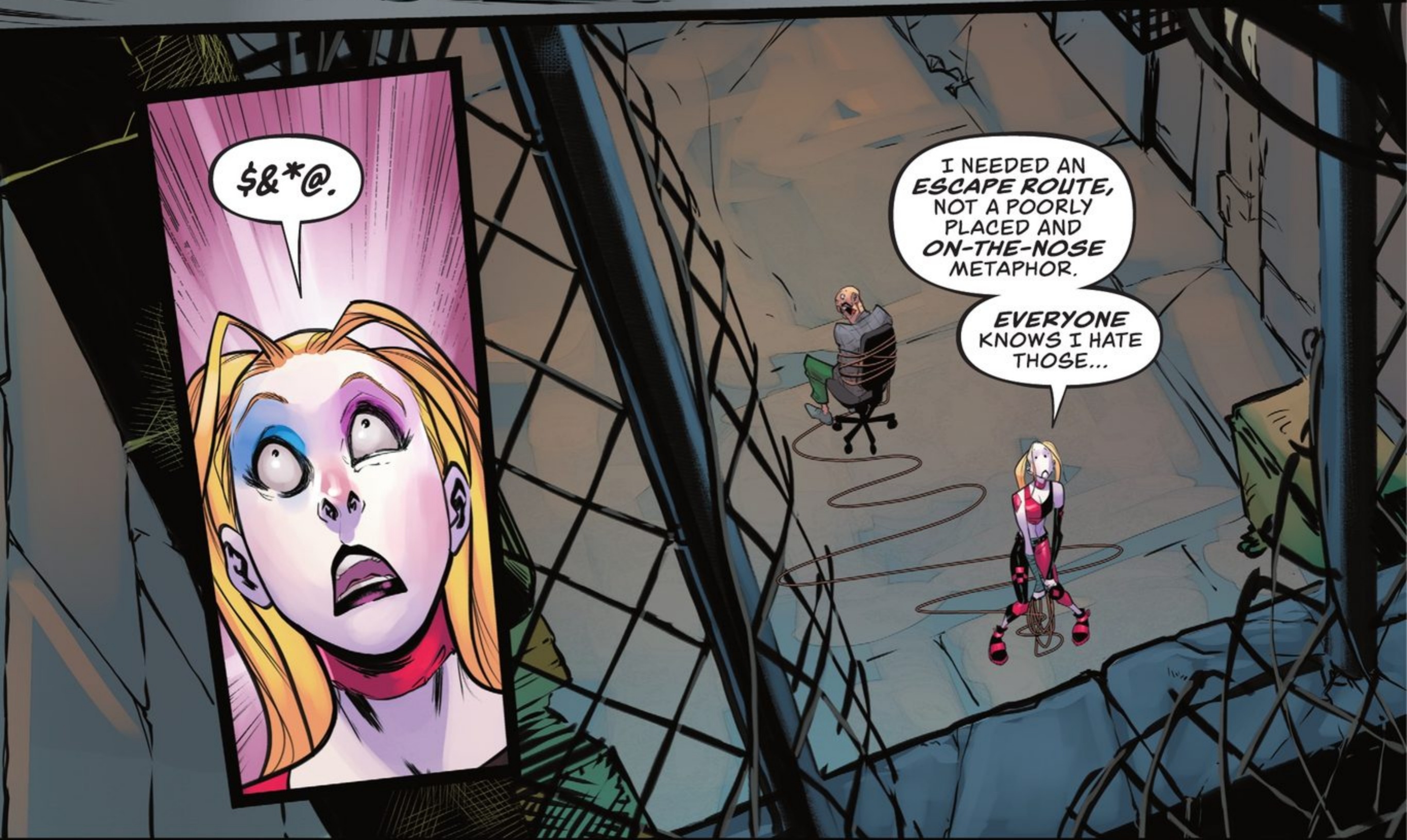
...THAT'S
NUTS, EVEN
FOR ME.

HARLEY!





KEEP UP,
ZSASZ--



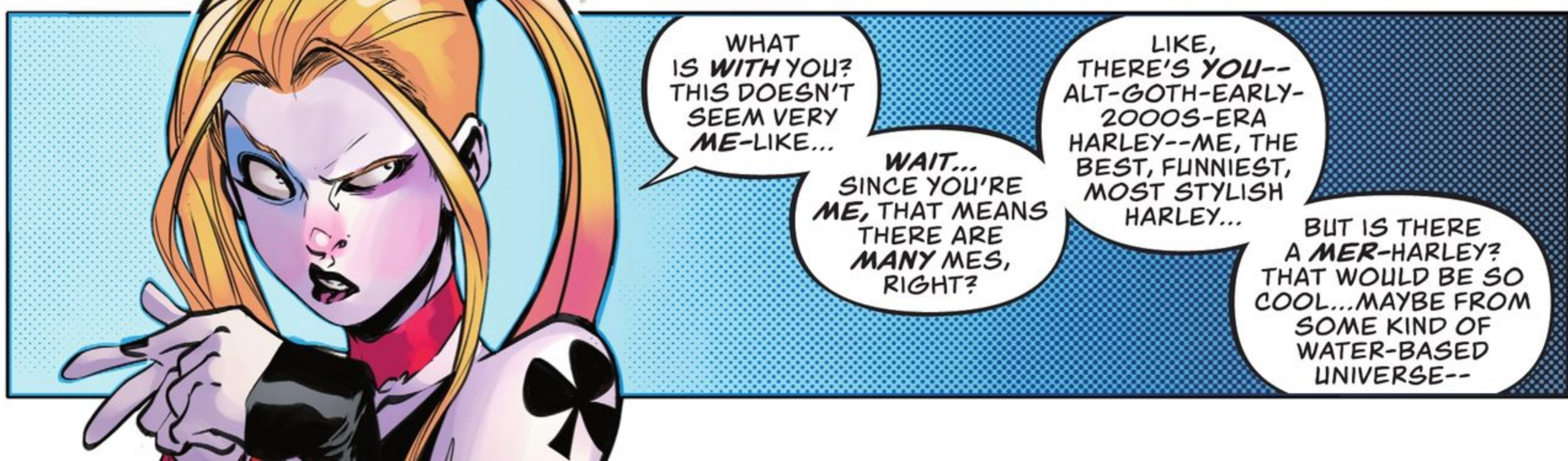
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I NEEDED AN
ESCAPE ROUTE,
NOT A POORLY
PLACED AND
ON-THE-NOSE
METAPHOR.

EVERYONE
KNOWS I HATE
THOSE...



HARLEY...



WHAT
IS *WITH* YOU?
THIS DOESN'T
SEEM VERY
ME-LIKE...

WAIT...
SINCE YOU'RE
ME, THAT MEANS
THERE ARE
MANY MES,
RIGHT?

LIKE,
THERE'S **YOU**--
ALT-GOTH-EARLY-
2000S-ERA
HARLEY--ME, THE
BEST, FUNNIEST,
MOST STYLISH
HARLEY...

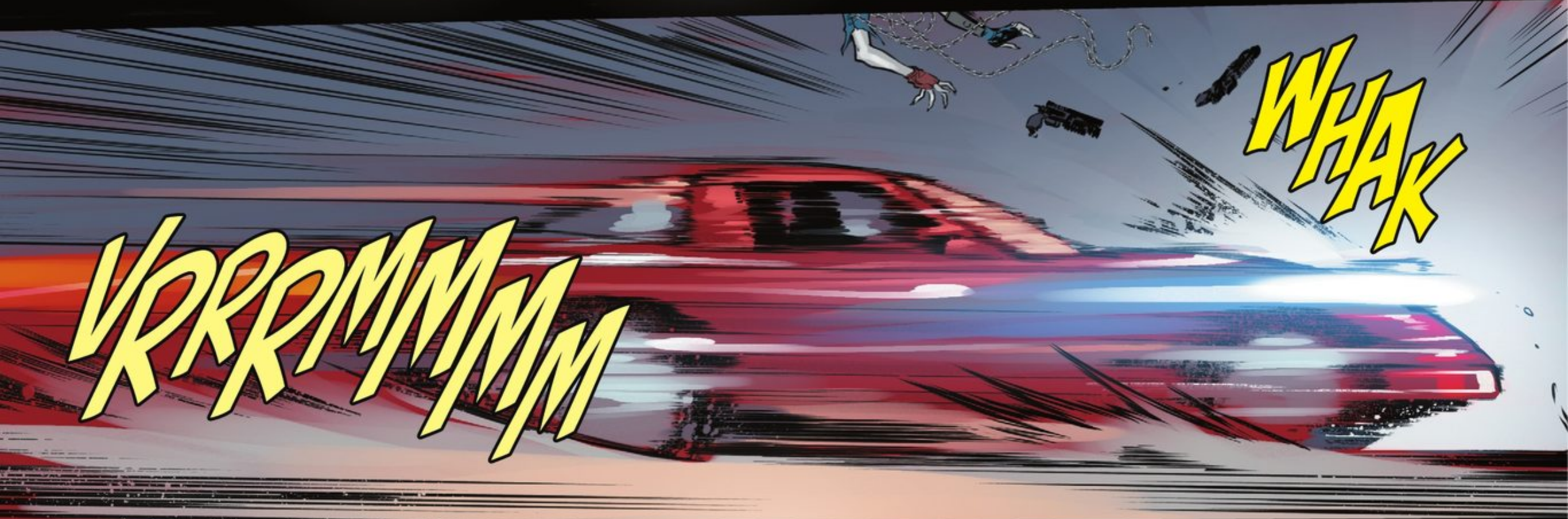
BUT IS THERE
A **MER-HARLEY**?
THAT WOULD BE SO
COOL...MAYBE FROM
SOME KIND OF
WATER-BASED
UNIVERSE--

HRRRNK



WHAK

VRRRRMMM



SKREEE



HARLEY.

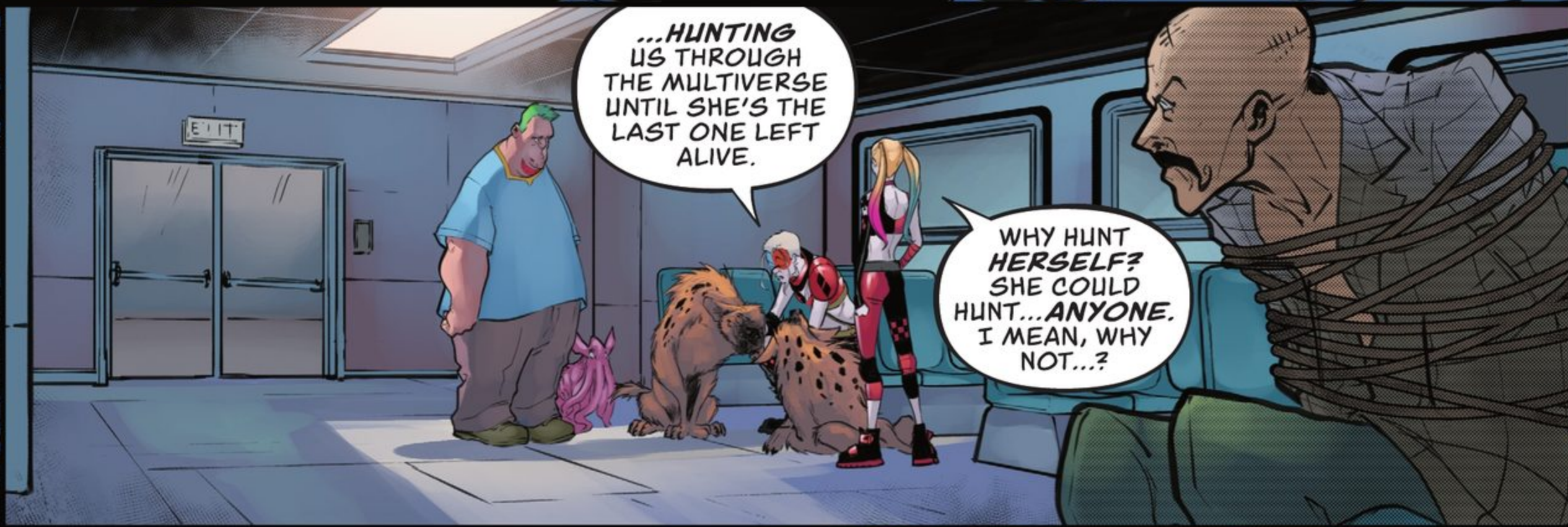
HARLEY...
BUT OLD.

WHY
DON'T YOU GET
IN THE DAMN CAR
BEFORE I TAKE
ISSUE WITH THAT
STATEMENT.





SHE
WANTS TO BE
THE **ONLY**
HARLEY...



...HUNTING
US THROUGH
THE MULTIVERSE
UNTIL SHE'S THE
LAST ONE LEFT
ALIVE.

WHY HUNT
HERSELF?
SHE COULD
HUNT...**ANYONE.**
I MEAN, WHY
NOT...?



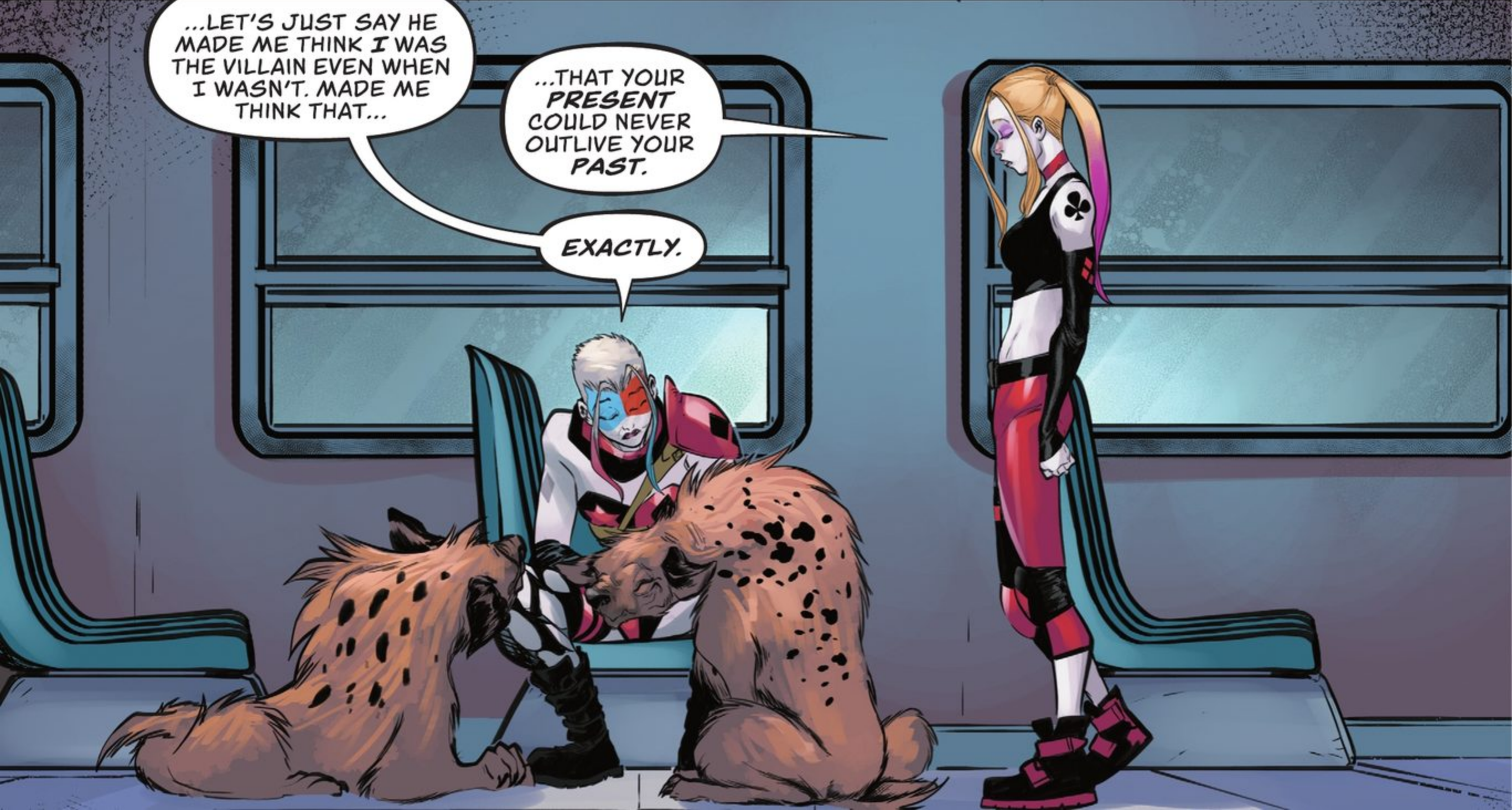
...JOKER.



I'VE GIVEN
THAT A LOT OF
THOUGHT,
ACTUALLY.

I CAN'T
SPEAK FOR ALL
THE HARLEYS...
I CAN'T SPEAK
FOR YOU...

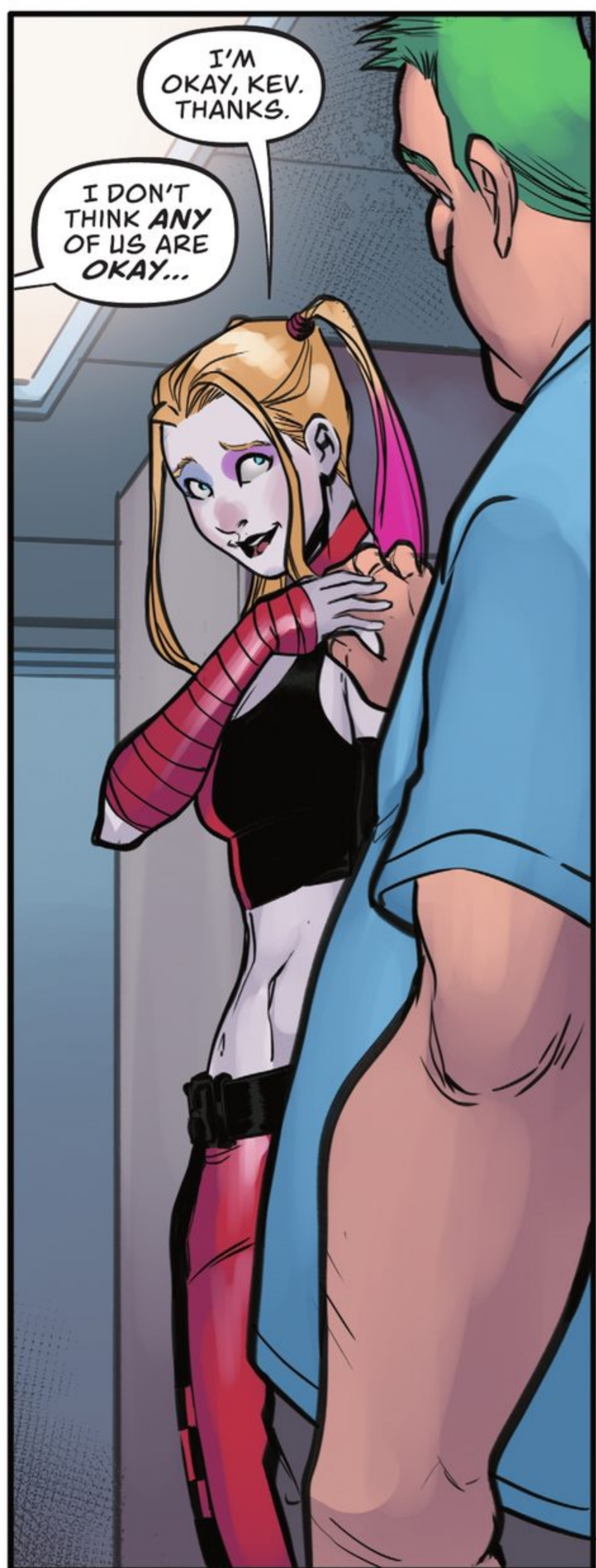
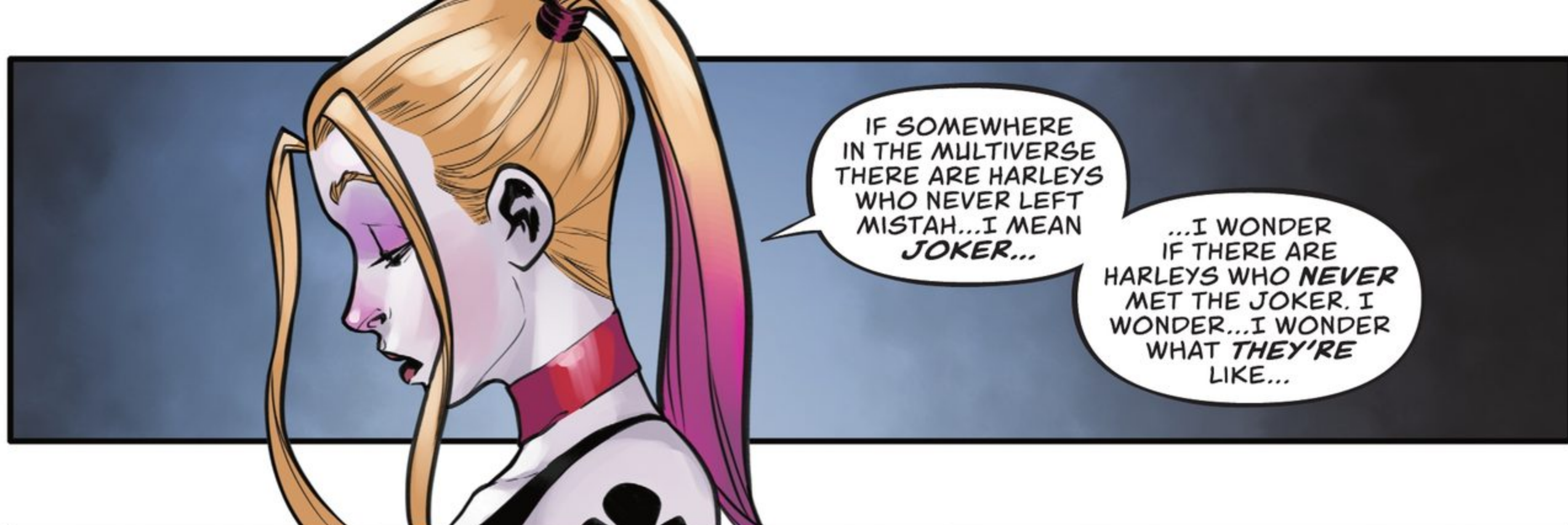
BUT MY
JOKER...

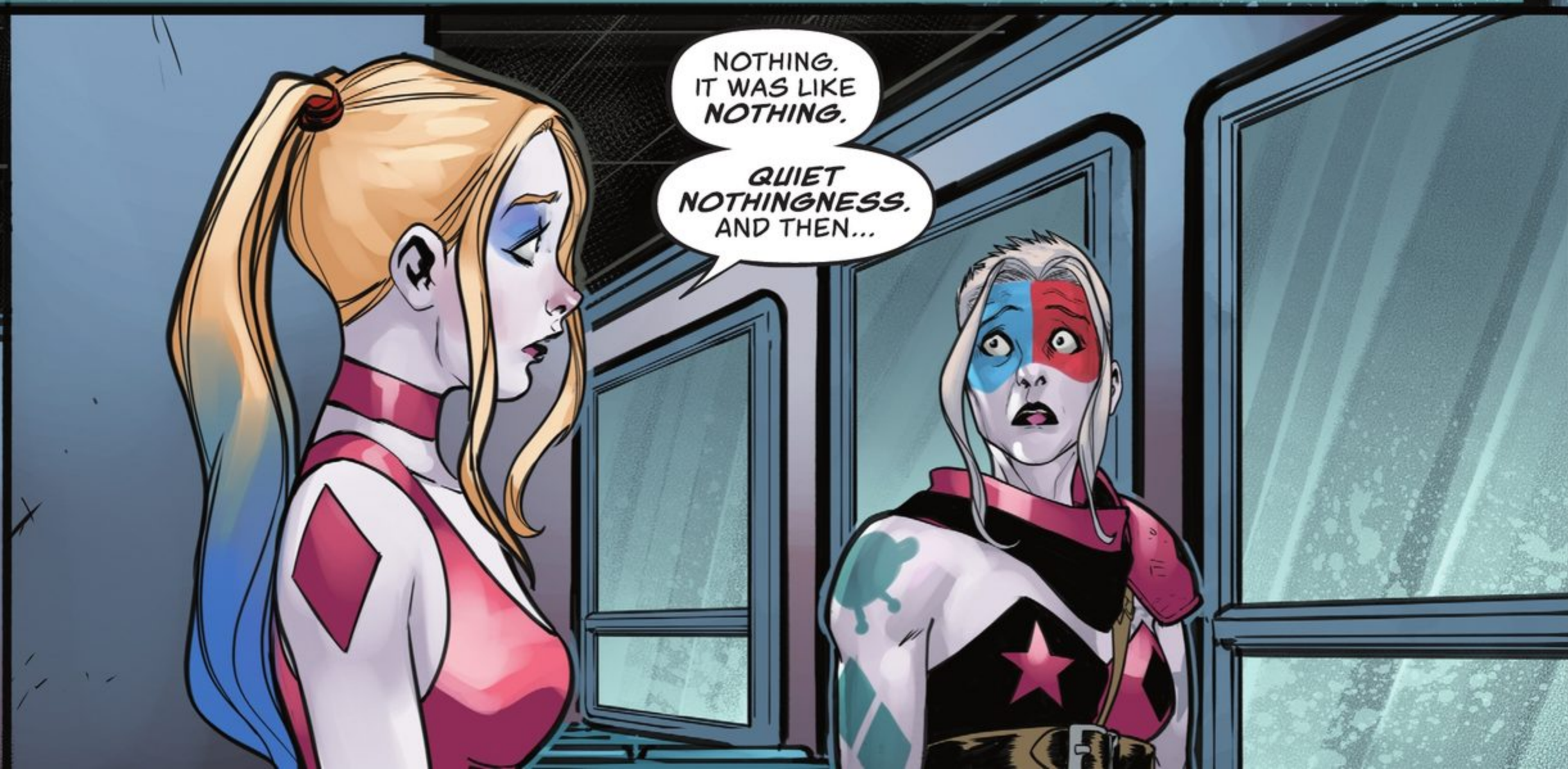
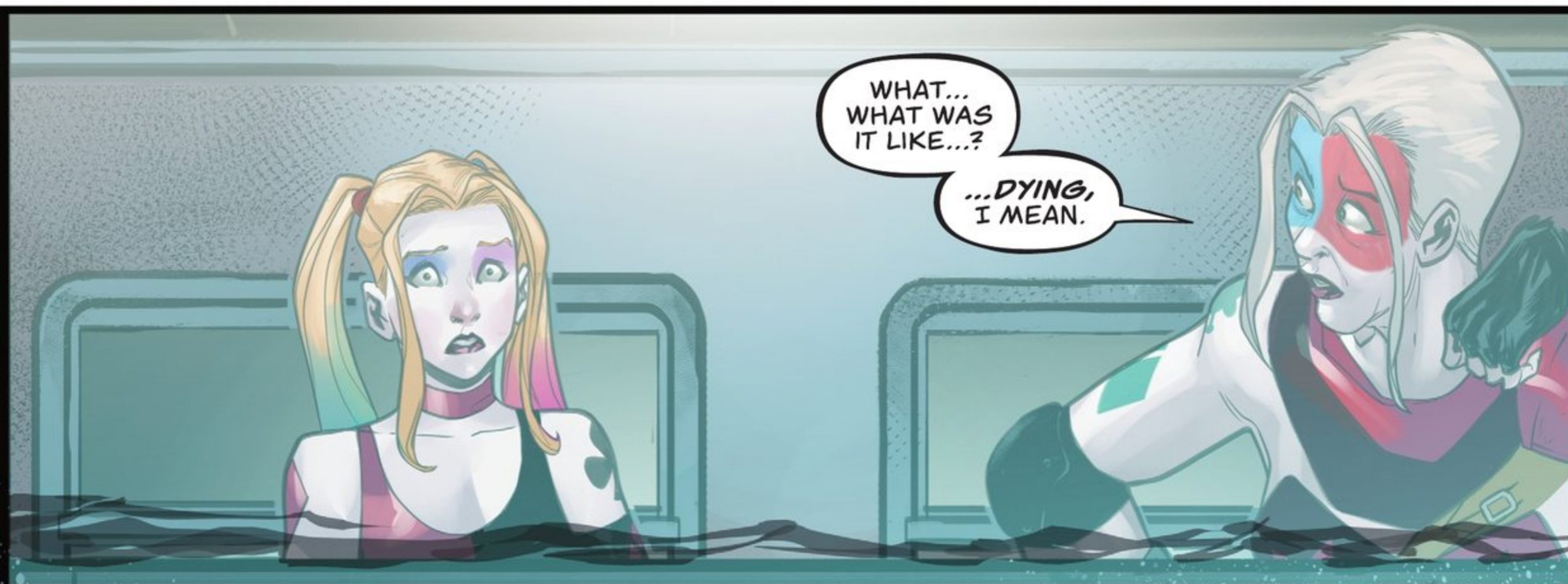
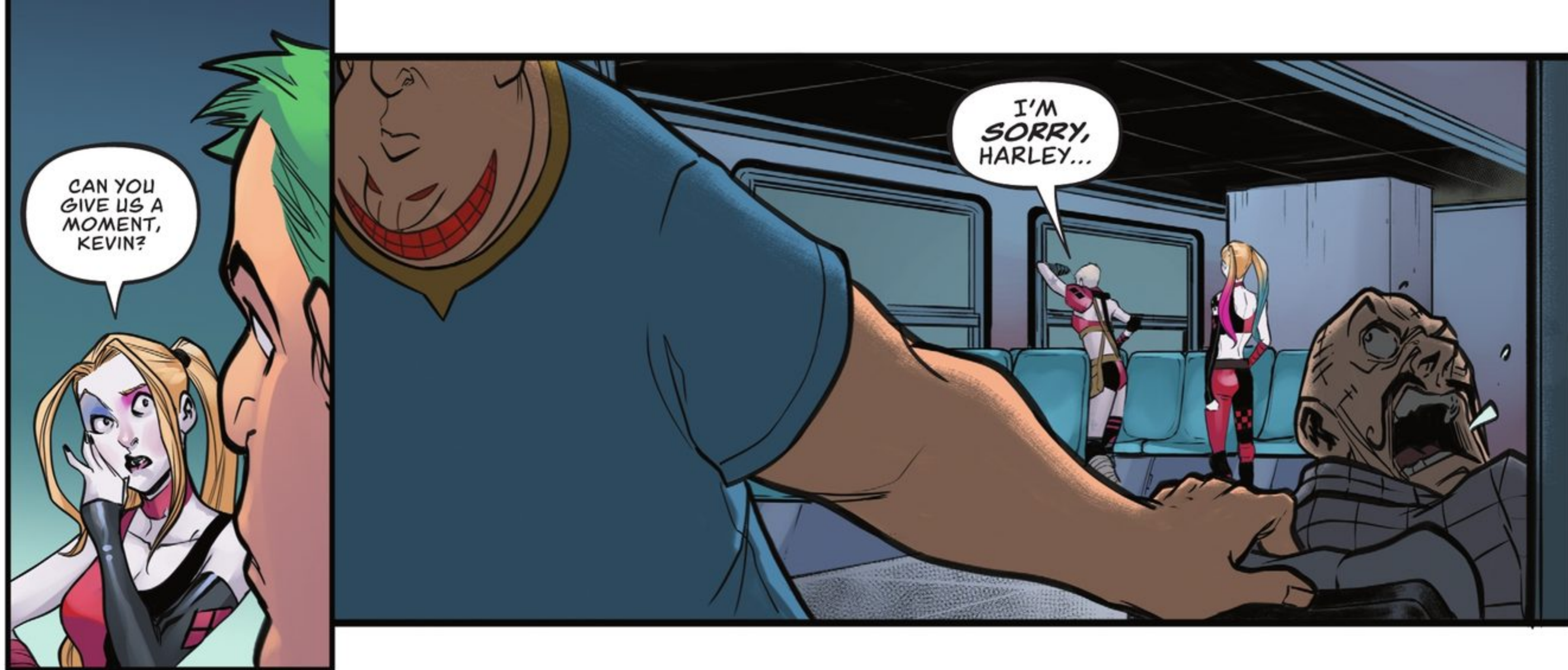


...LET'S JUST SAY HE
MADE ME THINK I WAS
THE VILLAIN EVEN WHEN
I WASN'T. MADE ME
THINK THAT...

...THAT YOUR
PRESENT
COULD NEVER
OUTLIVE YOUR
PAST.

EXACTLY.



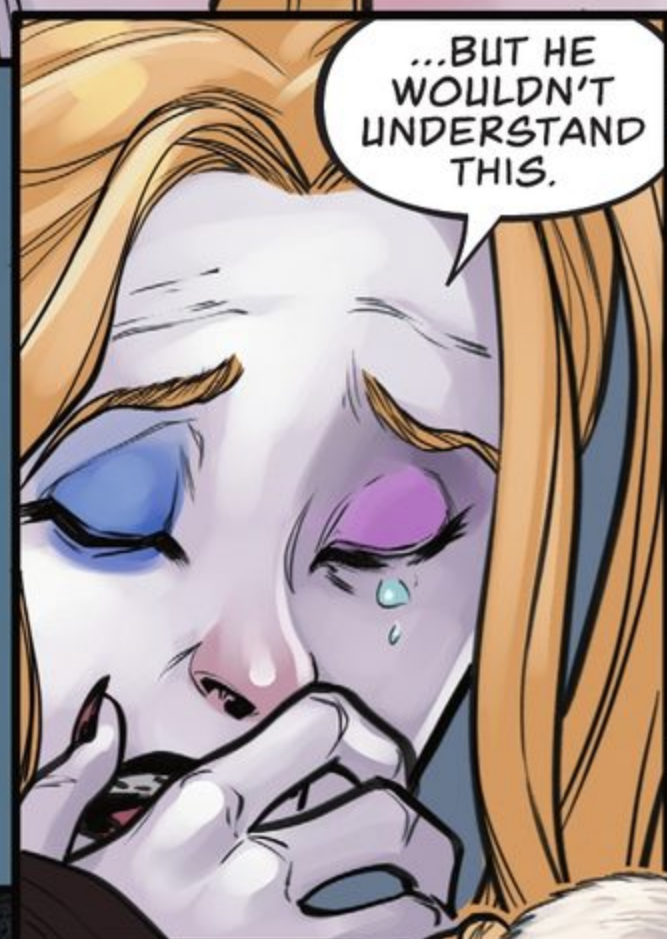




...NOISE. PAIN.
CONFUSION.

I'VE FELT
INCOMPLETE
EVER SINCE. AND...
AND I COULDN'T
TELL HIM...

KEVIN
BROUGHT
ME BACK...
HE LOVES
ME...



...BUT HE
WOULDN'T
UNDERSTAND
THIS.



I NEED YOU TO
LISTEN TO ME,
HARLEY...



...I **KNOW**
WHAT WE'RE
LIKE. I KNOW
THE IMPULSE TO
CLOSE DOORS
AND PUT UP
WALLS.

I KNOW
THAT EVEN ON THE
BEST DAYS, IN OUR
HAPPIEST MOMENTS,
WE CAN FEEL
ALONE.

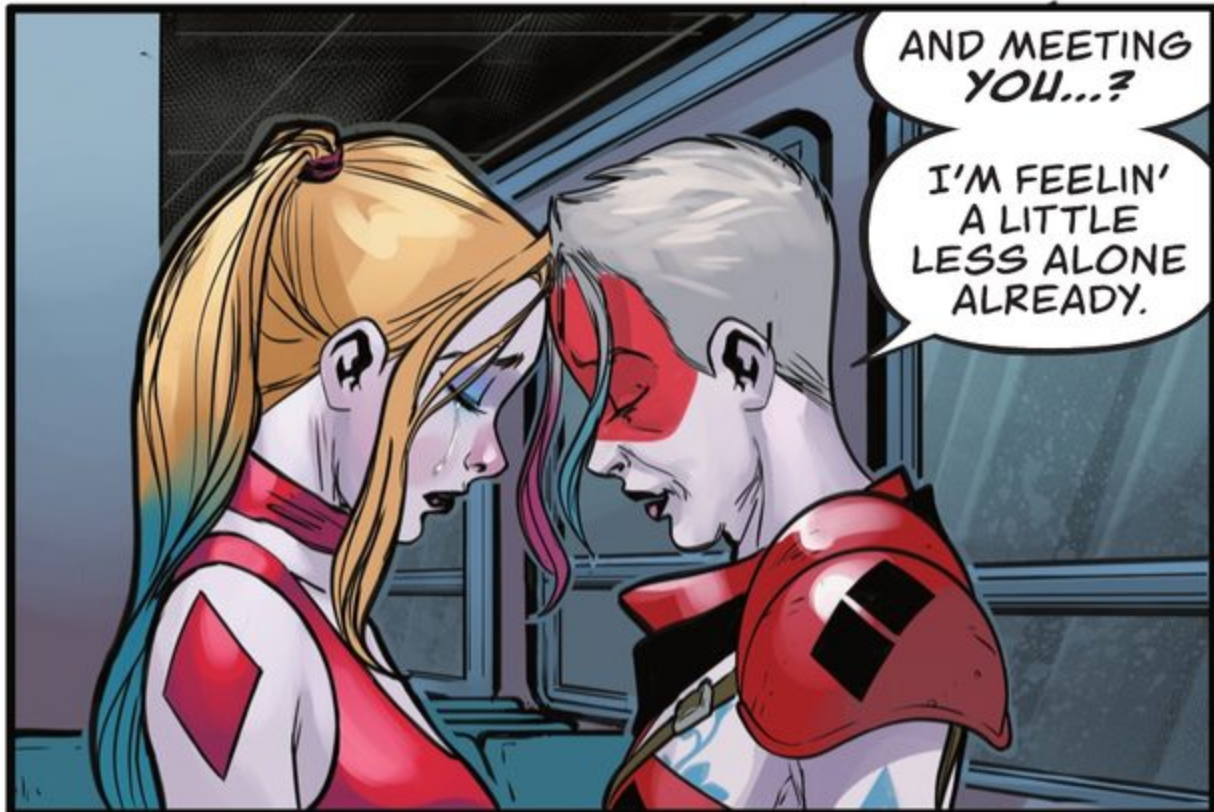


I'VE
LOST PEOPLE,
JUST AS I'M SURE
YOU HAVE, AND I'VE
COME **VERY** CLOSE
TO LOSIN' MYSELF.
BUT THE THING
IS...



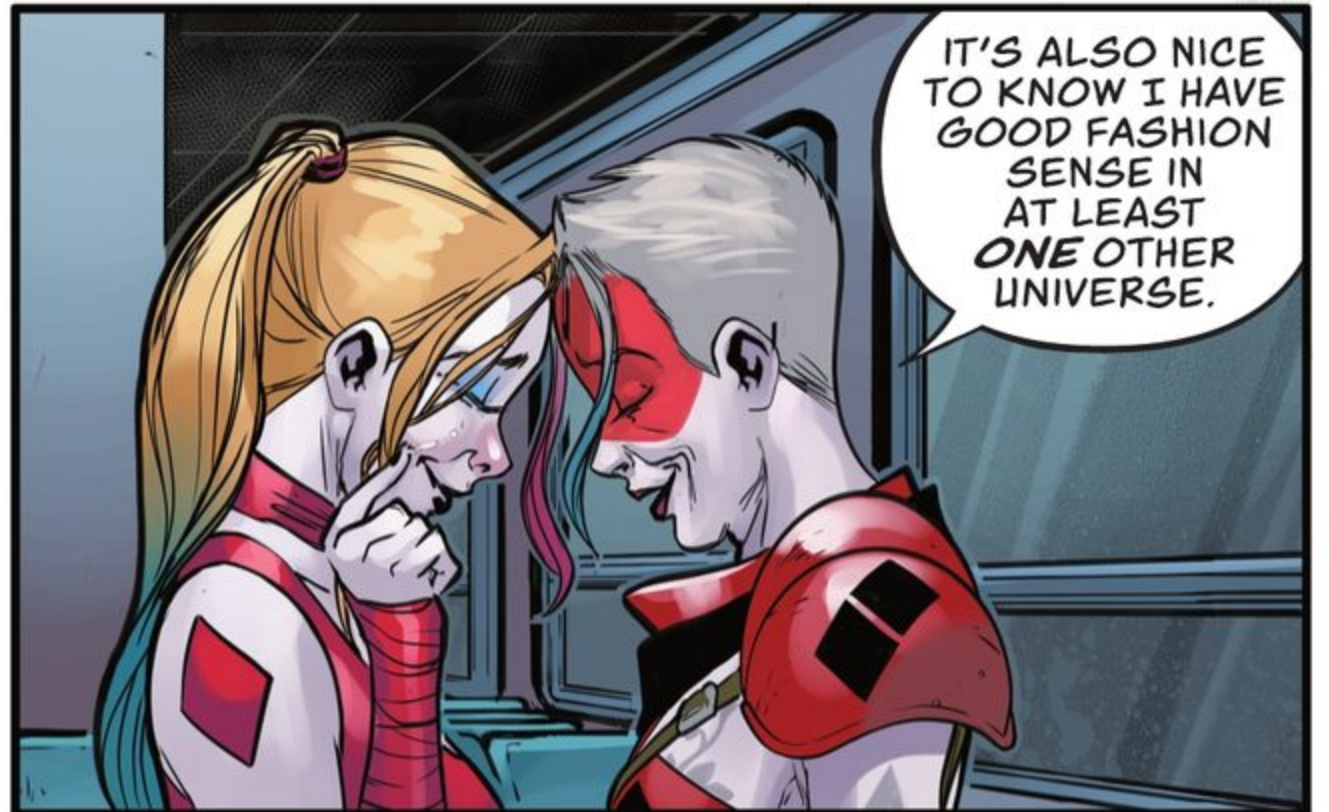
...I DON'T THINK THAT'S SPECIFIC TO JUST US HARLEYS.

I THINK THAT'S KINDA *LIFE* SOMETIMES, YEAH?



AND MEETING YOU...?

I'M FEELIN' A LITTLE LESS ALONE ALREADY.



IT'S ALSO NICE TO KNOW I HAVE GOOD FASHION SENSE IN AT LEAST *ONE* OTHER UNIVERSE.



AND SPEAKING OF *UNIVERSES*, I'M THINKING WE MIGHT NEED A WAY TO KEEP OUR LESS FASHION-FORWARD SELF FROM LEAVING *THIS* ONE.

LIKE, FIND A WAY TO KEEP HER FROM *JUMPIN'* MULTIVERSES AGAIN?



WE'D NEED TO GET THAT DEVICE OFF HER WRIST...GET CLOSE ENOUGH WITHOUT HER PRESSIN' IT.

IS THAT EVEN *POSSIBLE*? SHE'D SEE US COMING...

NOT IF WE...I DUNNO... COULD WE *FREEZE* HER SOMEHOW...? STOP HER LONG ENOUGH TO GET THE DEVICE?



HARLEY... YOU'VE JUST SAID THE MAGIC WORD, BABY!

I'VE GOT AN IDEA...



I WAS
REALLY HOPIN'
YOUR PLAN
DIDN'T INVOLVE
USIN' *US* AS
BAIT.



JUST
TWO HARLEYS
TAKIN' A *NICE*,
LONG WALK DOWN
BY THE GOTHAM
DOCKS IN THE
MIDDLE OF THE
NIGHT...



...HOPIN' NO ONE
IS OUT HERE
TRYIN' TO HUNT
DOWN ALL THE
HARLEYS...



YOU DON'T
THINK THERE'S
A TELEPORTIN'
HARLEY IN THE
MULTIVERSE,
DO YA--?



KRRRRSHH!

THAT MAY HAVE
BEEN A REALLY
@*!&^\$% COOL
ENTRANCE...

...BUT WE'RE
STILL GONNA
BASH THOSE
CREEPY @*!&^\$%
TEETH INTO YOUR
CREEPY @*!&^\$%
HEAD.



BLAM

BLAM

BLAM

BLAM

DEET

WHUMP

WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?

I DON'T THINK I WANNA KNOW WHAT ELSE THAT THING CAN DO...

...WE'RE MOVIN' THIS PLAN TO PHASE TWO!

BLAM

BLAM



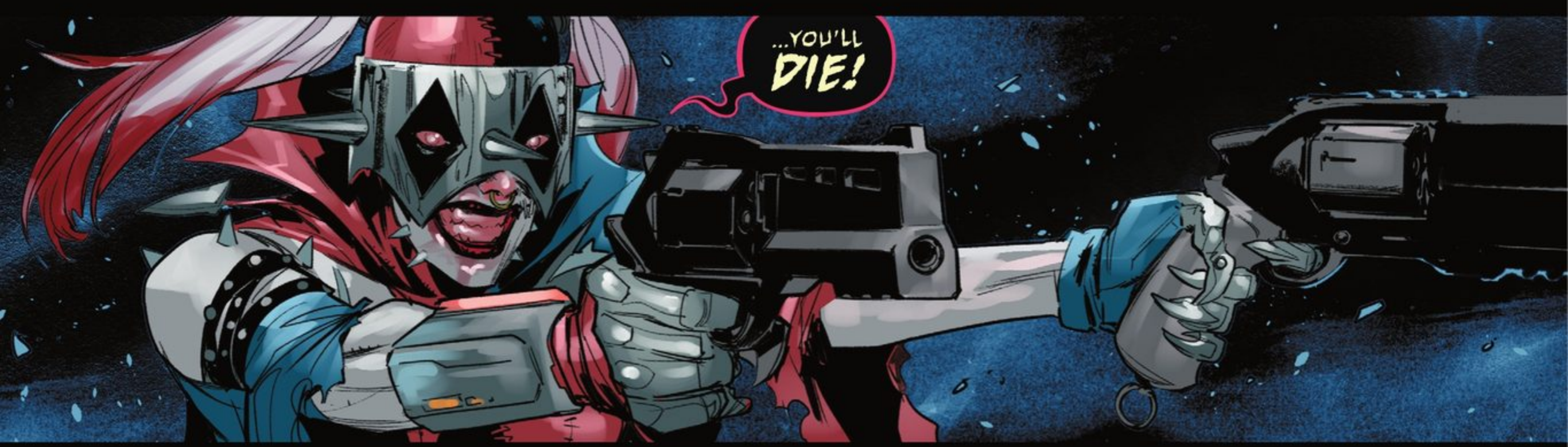


PENALTY
TO THE LADY
IN BLACK
WITH SPIKY
SHOULDER
PADS...

...THAT'LL BE
TWO MINUTES
FOR ROUGHIN'
AND A LIFETIME
BAN FROM THE
MULTIVERSE
FOR TRYIN' TO
KILL ALL THE
HARLEYS.



DONE WITH
GAMES...



...YOU'LL
DIE!



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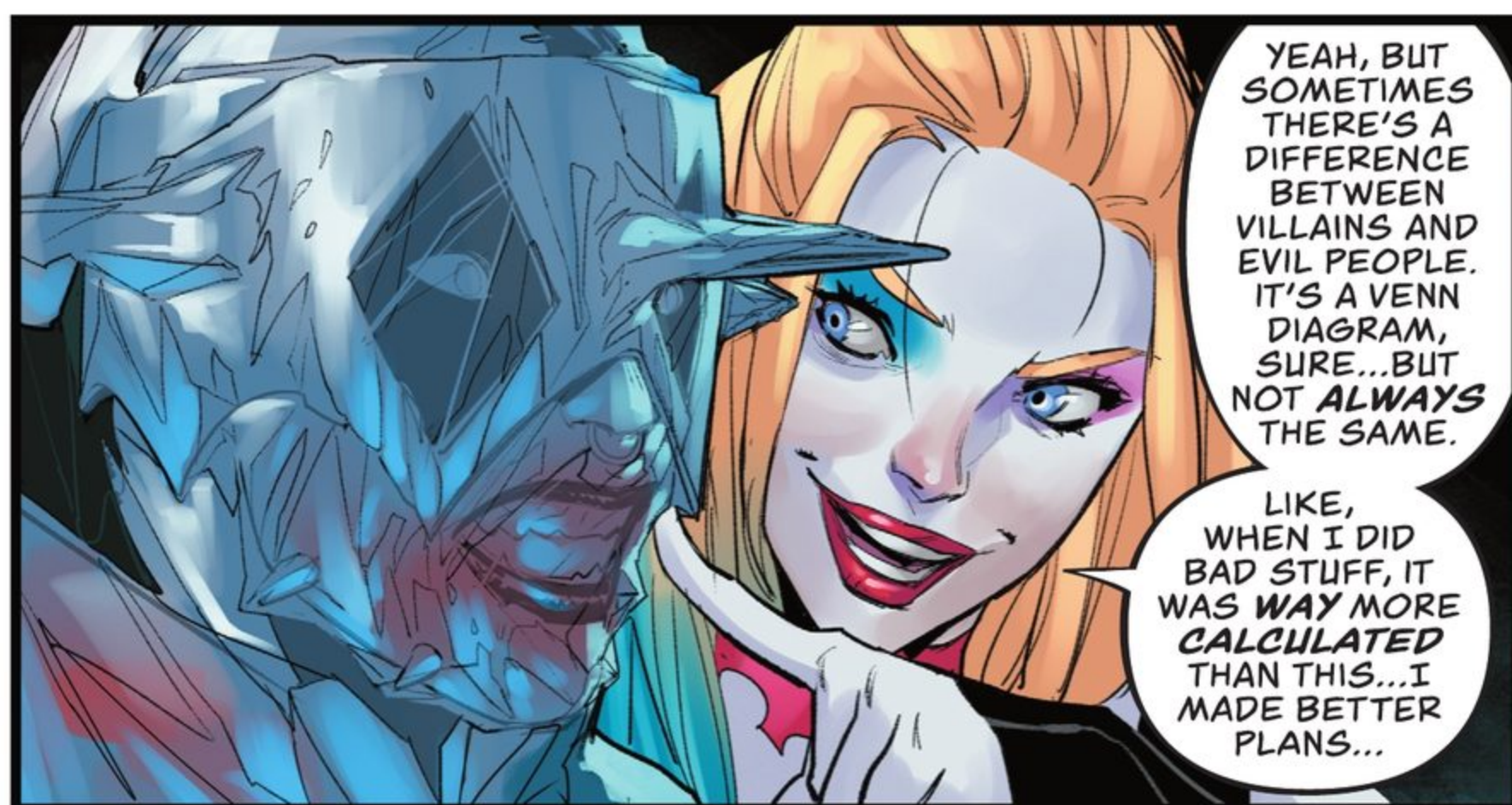
DID I
FORGET TO
MENTION...?





KILLER FROST,
MEET EVIL
ME.

EVIL? YOU
KNOW YOU
WERE **ALSO**
A VILLAIN,
RIGHT?



YEAH, BUT
SOMETIMES
THERE'S A
DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN
VILLAINS AND
EVIL PEOPLE.
IT'S A VENN
DIAGRAM,
SURE... BUT
NOT **ALWAYS**
THE SAME.

LIKE,
WHEN I DID
BAD STUFF, IT
WAS **WAY MORE**
CALCULATED
THAN THIS... I
MADE BETTER
PLANS...



AND
HOW EXACTLY
DOES TURNING
THIS WAREHOUSE
INTO AN ICE RINK
FIT INTO YOUR
CURRENT
PLAN?



HOW
DOES IT
NOT?

IT'S
OBJECTIVELY
AWESOME.

PRESENTATION
IS HALF THE
BATTLE.

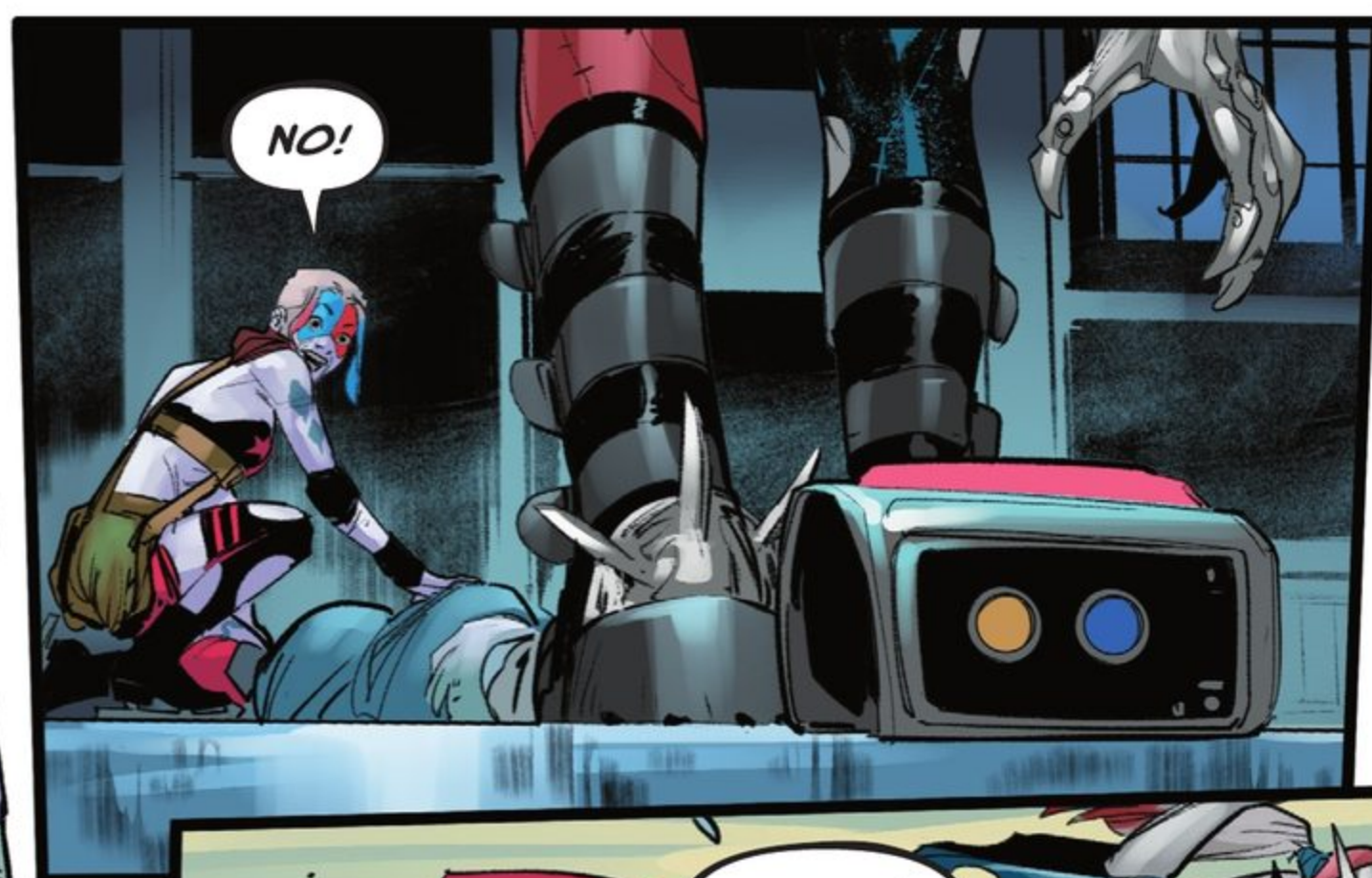
I FEEL
LIKE WE JUST
PROVED HOW
INTEGRAL IT WAS--

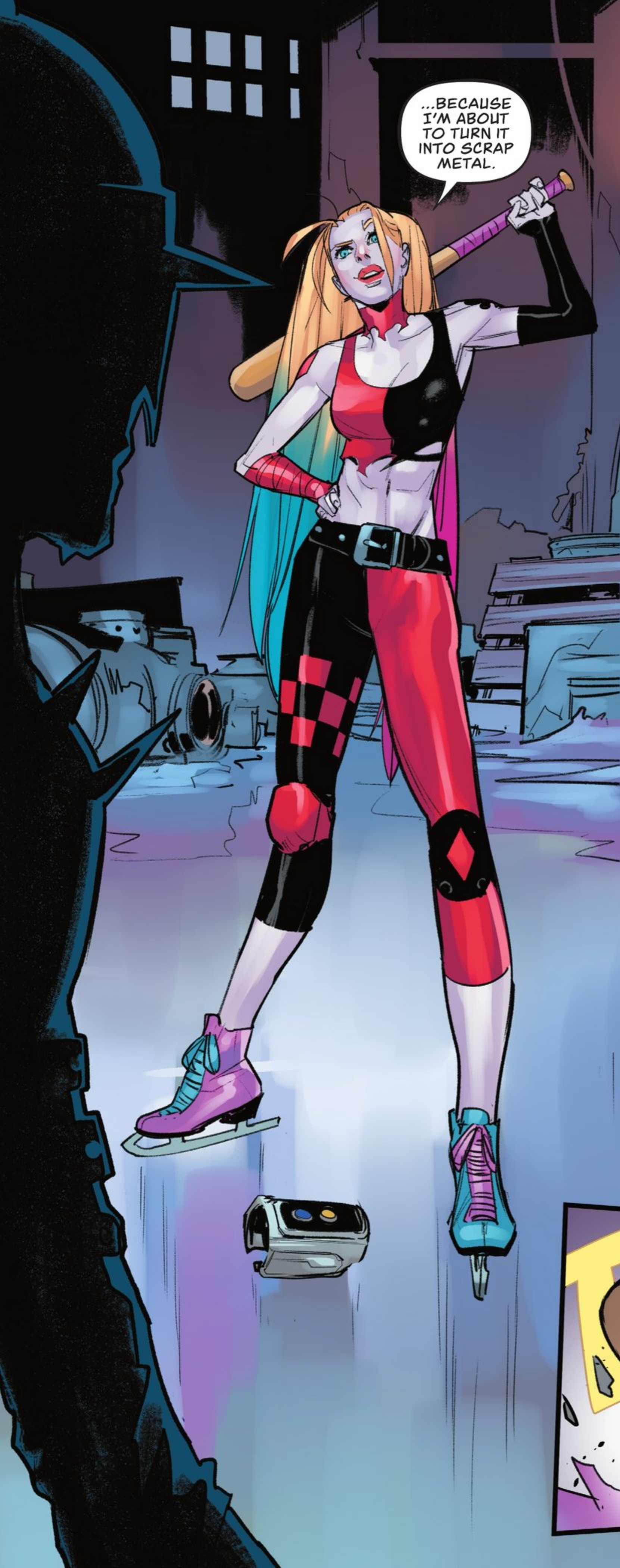


OKAY... WILL YOU
TWO JUST TAKE
THE MULTIVERSE-
JUMPER THING
ALREADY?

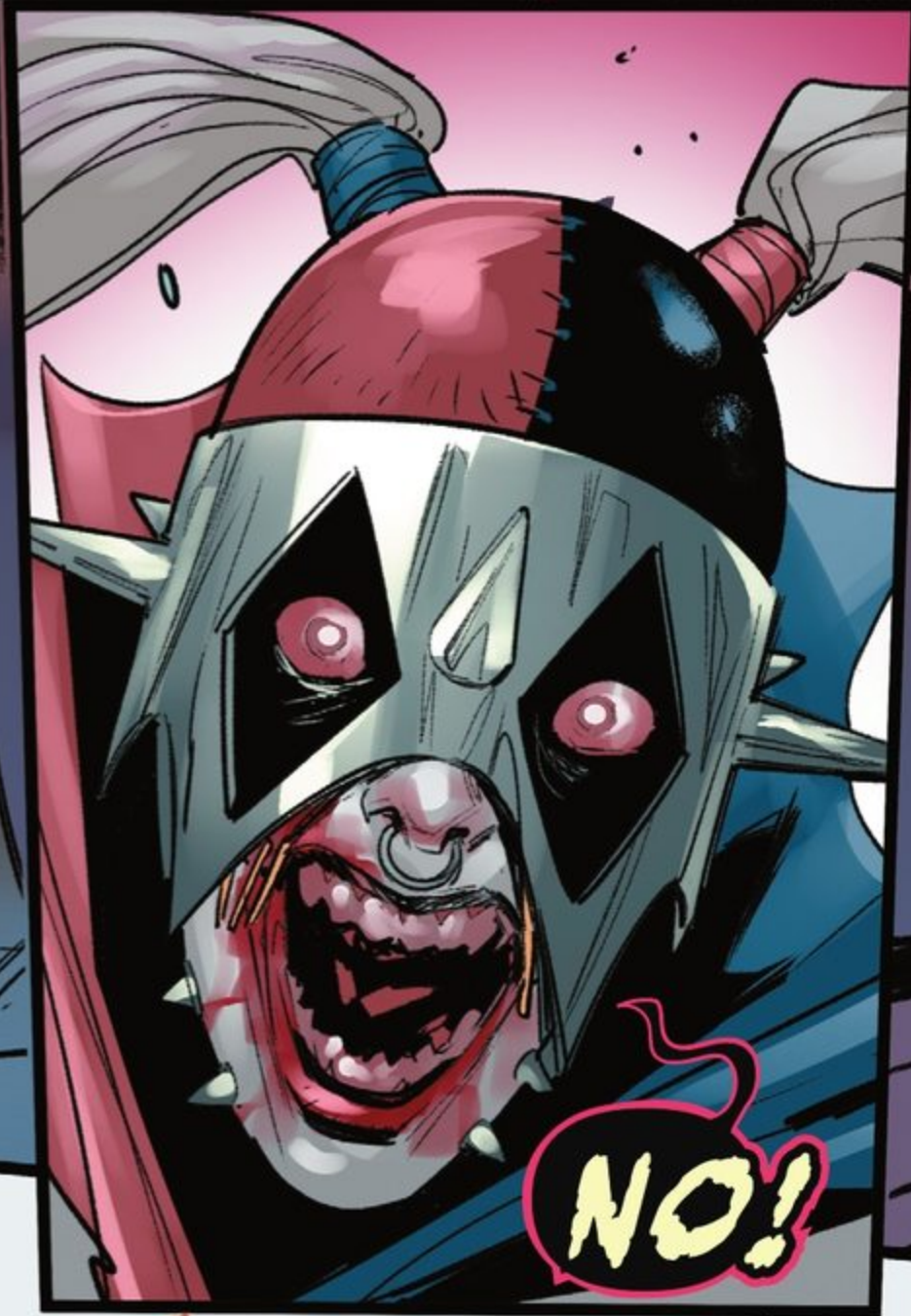
AND
I THOUGHT
ONE HARLEY
WAS BAD...



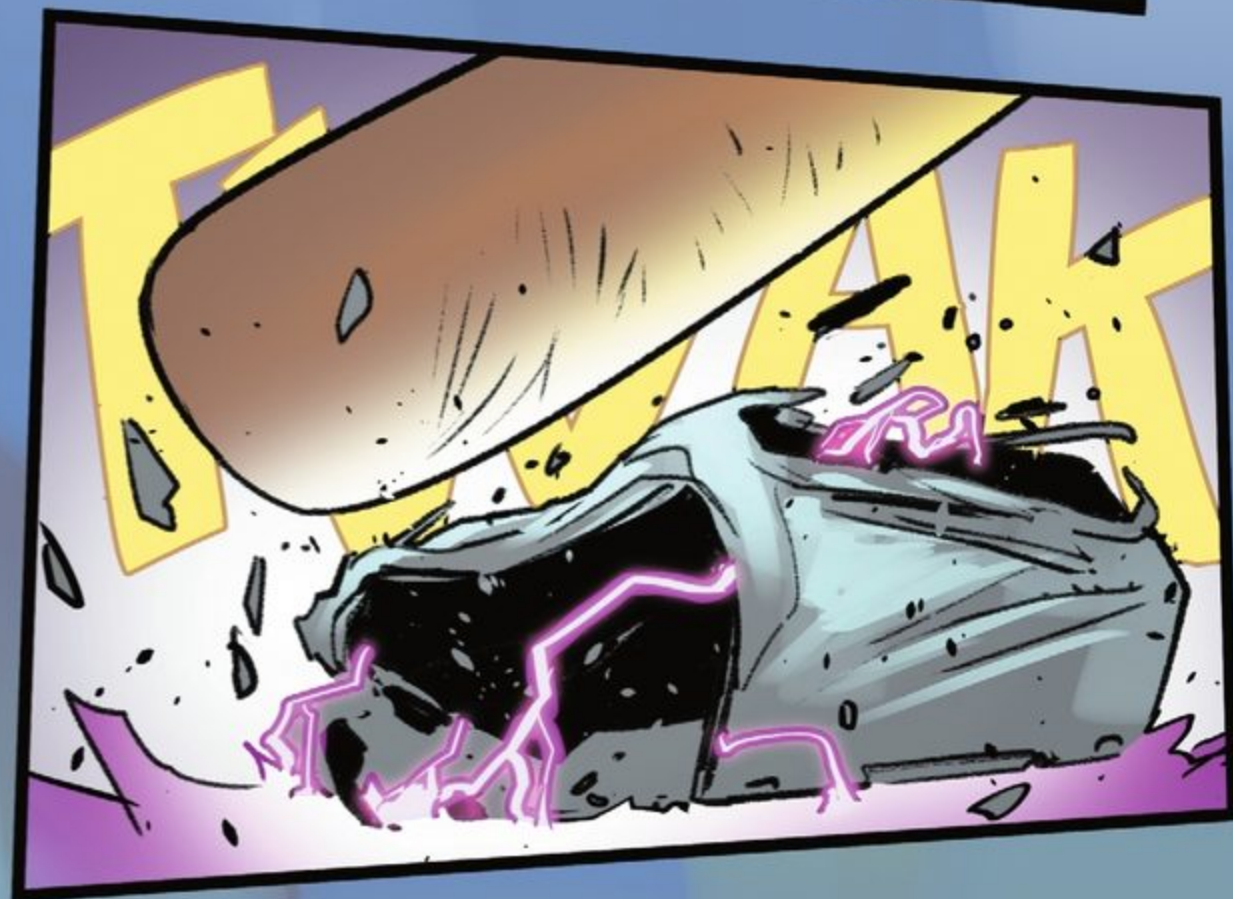


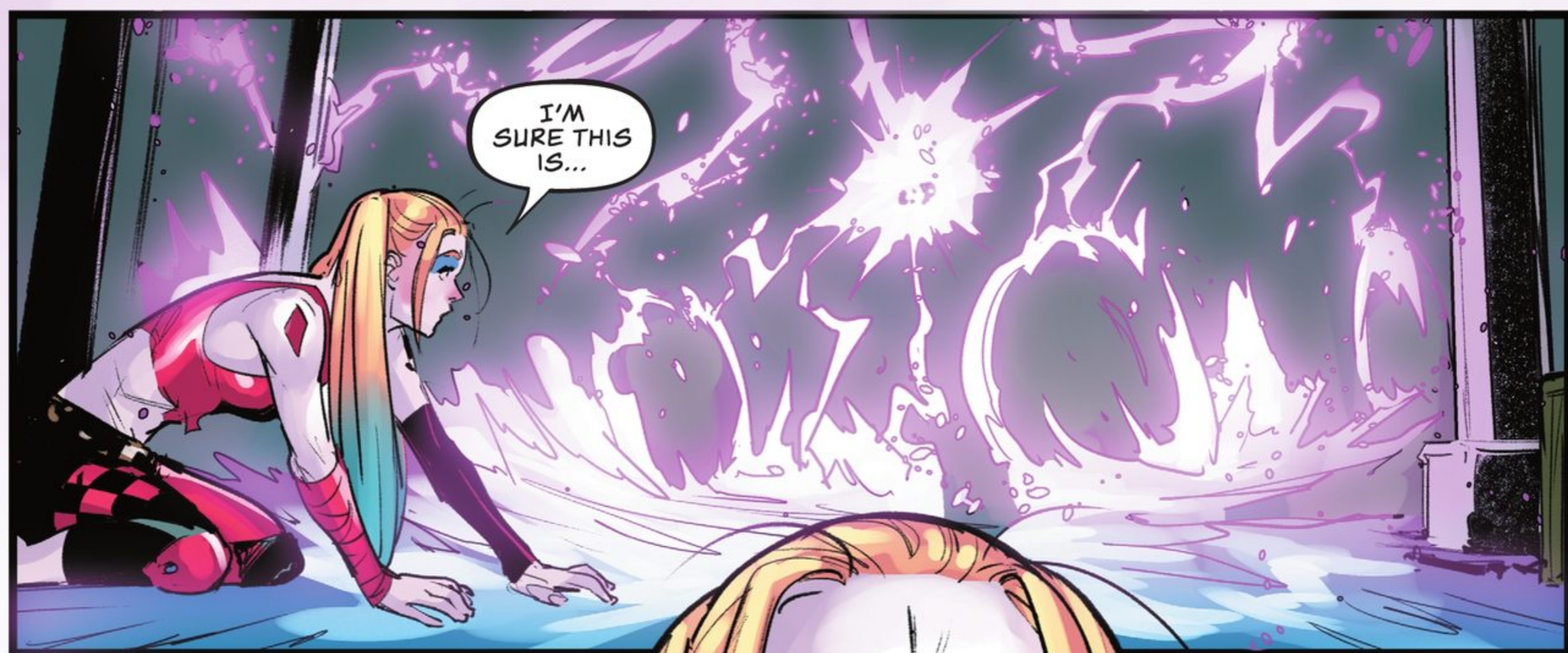


...BECAUSE
I'M ABOUT
TO TURN IT
INTO SCRAP
METAL.



NO!

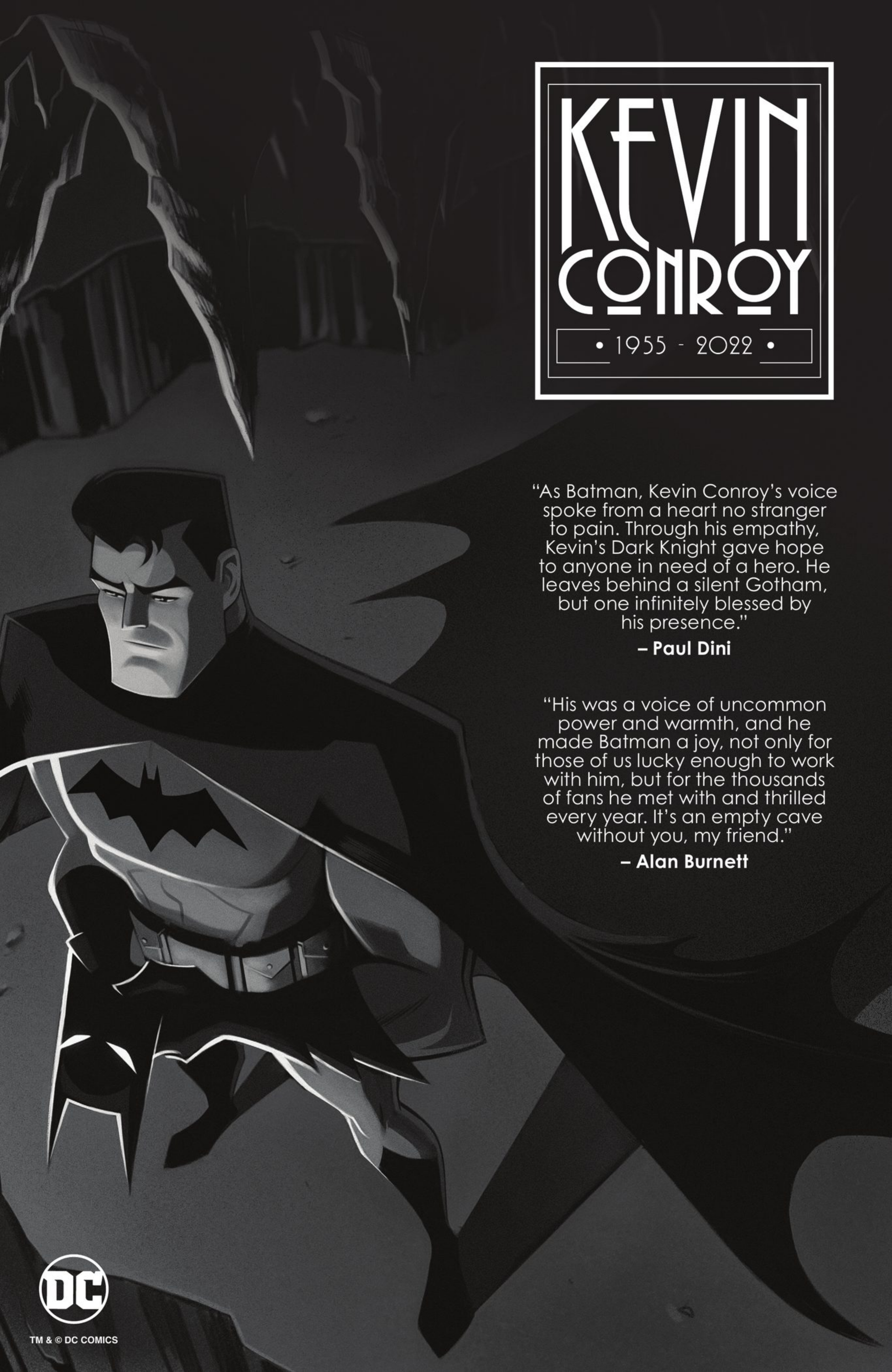






ANYONE
ELSE SUDDENLY
HAVIN' A REAL
IDENTITY
CRISIS?

TO BE CONTINUED



KEVIN CONROY

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"As Batman, Kevin Conroy's voice spoke from a heart no stranger to pain. Through his empathy, Kevin's Dark Knight gave hope to anyone in need of a hero. He leaves behind a silent Gotham, but one infinitely blessed by his presence."

– Paul Dini

"His was a voice of uncommon power and warmth, and he made Batman a joy, not only for those of us lucky enough to work with him, but for the thousands of fans he met with and thrilled every year. It's an empty cave without you, my friend."

– Alan Burnett



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PLANET



**HEROES TRANSFORMED. SECRETS REVEALED.
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ART BY RICCARDO FEDERICI, BILLY TAN, AND MORE

GET AN INSIDE LOOK AT THE CATACLYSMIC EVENT



**“NEW HEROES WILL BE BORN
AND EXISTING HEROES’ POWERS
WILL BE CHANGED FOREVER.”**

In the climax of December’s *Batman vs. Robin* #4, a Lazarus Volcano erupts, spewing dangerous and transformative chemicals into Earth’s atmosphere.

“That much magic can’t be contained—so when it erupts it spews out Lazarus Resin and creates a violent ‘rainstorm’ that covers the world,” explains Mark Waid, the superstar writer and architect of the DC Universe: Lazarus Planet event.

Waid has been no stranger to the DC Universe this past year, penning the bestselling series *Batman/Superman: World’s Finest* and *Batman vs. Robin*, which set the stage for this event, beginning in January’s *Lazarus Planet: Alpha* #1.

“In *Batman/Superman: World’s Finest*, we introduced the Devil Nezha, an ancient evil that could be contained only within the tomb on a remote island,” Waid says. “Once our heroes sealed him inside, we sprung the surprise reveal—the tomb is on Lazarus Island. Then in *Batman vs. Robin*, we learn that Mother Soul, Damian’s great-grandmother on his al Ghul side, has been searching for Nezha and used Damian to unleash him once more.”



**“NEZHA IS A
TRICKSTER GOD WHO
OFTEN DANCES ON
THAT LINE BETWEEN
GOOD AND EVIL.”**

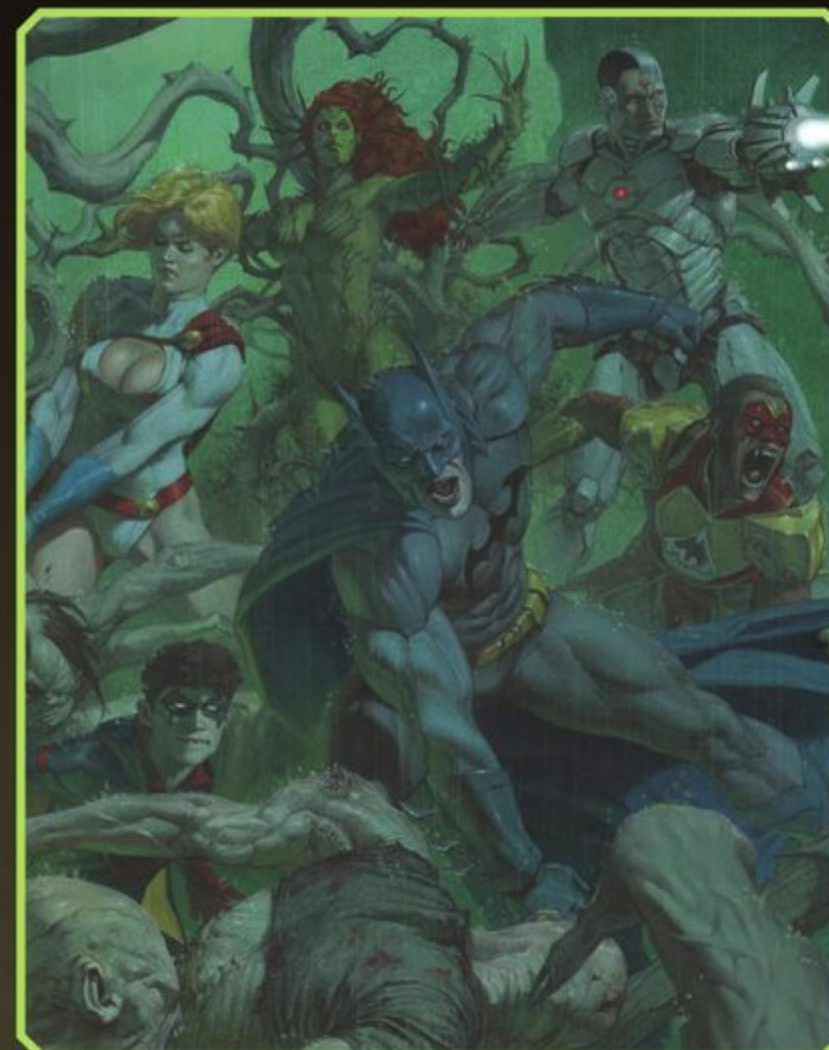
Helping craft the two-month Lazarus Planet event alongside Waid will be *Monkey Prince* writer Gene Luen Yang. “Traditionally, Nezha is a trickster god who often dances on that line between good and evil,” Yang says. “In *Batman/Superman: World’s Finest*, Mark brought him into the DC Universe and specifically tied him into elements of the Batman mythos.”



The Lazarus Volcano will make its rumblings known throughout the DC Universe in a series of one-shots helmed by all-star talent, including Francis Manapul, Phillip Kennedy Johnson, Leah Williams, Max Dunbar, Clayton Henry, Tim Seeley, and Marguerite Sauvage. Fan-favorite heroes throughout the DC Universe will be heavily invested in uncovering the secrets behind the Lazarus Resin.

“Power Girl is part of the team that tries to free Earth’s magical artifacts from the Tower of Fate, where Nezha has imprisoned them,” Waid explains. “Poison Ivy, on the other hand, is part of the team exploring one of Ra’s al Ghul’s mountain headquarters looking for clues to counteract the resin. Ra’s was aware of her background as a brilliant biochemist who, like him, is eager to reestablish a working ecosystem before our planet succumbs to global war.”

**“THE WRITERS AND ARTISTS ARE
EMBRACING THAT FREEDOM TO
DO SOME OF THE BEST WORK...”**



“The writers and artists are embracing that freedom to do some of the best work I’ve seen in a long time,” Waid continues. “Everyone’s been incredibly cooperative and willing to toss ideas back and forth to make their own stories even better.”

The full scope of the story starts out in *Lazarus Planet: Alpha* and continues in the one-shot tie-ins *Lazarus Planet: Assault on Krypton*, *Lazarus Planet: We Were Once Gods*, *Lazarus Planet: Dark Fate*, *Lazarus Planet: Next Evolution*, and *Lazarus Planet: Legends Reborn*—all leading to the fateful finale in *Lazarus Planet: Omega* and the aftermath in *Lazarus Planet: Revenge of the Gods*.



After the events of Lazarus Planet, the gods of the Multiverse decide to take down the heroes they once called champions and the world they’ve sworn to protect.

The team of gods is led by Earth-0’s wizard Shazam, who has been granted a vision from the Lazarus Resin the likes of which he has never seen before.

As if major changes to existing heroes and the introduction of all-new ones weren’t enough, Lazarus Planet has a ton of surprises in store for even the most hardcore DC fan. “There’s a fusion of Cyborg and Blue Beetle, a key role for Blue Devil, the mightiest bolt of Shazam lightning in history, Swamp Thing vs. Nezha, and a really, really, really ugly turn for Batman,” Waid teases.

“Mark’s premise for Lazarus Planet is so fun, the rest of us can’t help but respond with all the creativity we can muster,” Yang says. “Even as a fan, I can’t wait to read what everyone’s come up with.”





LAZARUS RAINS DOWN!



LAZARUS PLANET: ASSAULT ON KRYPTON

Written by: Nicole Maines, C.S. Pacat, Frank Barbiere, and Leah Williams

Art by: Skylar Patridge, Scott Godlewski, Sami Basri, and Marguerite Sauvage

With the world in chaos and Lazarus raining from the skies, the Earth's protectors from Krypton are hit hard, and the heroes will never be the same again.



LAZARUS PLANET: NEXT EVOLUTION

Written by: Ram V, Brandon T. Snider, Chuck Brown, and Delilah S. Dawson

Art by: Lalit Kumar Sharma, Laura Braga, Alitha Martinez and Mark Morales, and Ro Stein and Ted Brandt

Amazing new powers have been gifted to the freedom fighters of the future. What perils will these villain-vanquishing virtuosos face alongside a brand-new legend, The Vigil?



LAZARUS PLANET: WE WERE ONCE GODS

Written by: Francis Manapul, Dan Watters, Phillip Kennedy Johnson, and Josie Campbell

Art by: Francis Manapul, Max Dunbar, Jack Herbert, and Caitlin Yarsky

The gods are in for some big changes as Lazarus rain beats down upon the Earth. Explore the Lazarus Planet's effect on DC Universe's extraordinary creatures and locations involving the Shazam Family and the Rock of Eternity.



LAZARUS PLANET: DARK FATE

Written by: Tim Seeley, Dennis Culver, A.L. Kaplan, and Alyssa Wong

Art by: Baldemar Rivas, Chris Burnham, A.L. Kaplan, and Haining

Who are the new villains created by the Lazarus rain and what heroes can stop them? A sinister threat will bring a new chapter to the Doom Patrol while a new danger lurks in the dark corners of the Spirit World for new character Xanthe?



LAZARUS PLANET: LEGENDS REBORN

Written by: Alex Segura, Greg Pak, Alex Paknadel, and Dennis Culver

Art by: Clayton Henry, Minkyu Jung, Christopher Mitten, and Jesús Merino

Heroes and villains long forgotten return! Nightwing and the new hero City Boy go on a quest to save Gotham from a surge of fantastical power that will affect the DC Universe forevermore!

LAZARUS PLANET: REVENGE OF THE GODS (COVER COMING SOON)

Written by: G. Willow Wilson

Art by: Cian Tormey & Caitlin Yarsky

The wizard Shazam has teamed up with the Quintessence to regain control of their champions. Shazam and Wonder Woman must work together and defeat the gods as they risk losing their powers for good.

DC UNIVERSE LAZARUS PLANET CHECKLIST

JANUARY

- ☐ *Lazarus Planet: Alpha* #1
- ☐ *Lazarus Planet: Assault on Krypton* #1
- ☐ *Lazarus Planet: We Were Once Gods* #1
- ☐ *Lazarus Planet: Legends Reborn* #1
- ☐ *Monkey Prince* #10

FEBRUARY

- ☐ *Lazarus Planet: Next Evolution* #1
- ☐ *Monkey Prince* #11
- ☐ *Lazarus Planet: Dark Fate* #1
- ☐ *Lazarus Planet: Omega* #1
- ☐ *Batman vs. Robin* #5

MARCH

- ☐ *Lazarus Planet: Revenge of the Gods* #1
- ☐ *Wonder Woman* #797
- ☐ *Lazarus Planet: Revenge of the Gods* #2

APRIL

- ☐ *Lazarus Planet: Revenge of the Gods* #3
- ☐ *Wonder Woman* #798
- ☐ *Lazarus Planet: Revenge of the Gods* #4



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